

Almond Lands in the Sacramento Valley



HE lands offered by this Company, as shown on the map on the reverse side of this folder, are especially adapted to the growth and culture of Almonds.

It is the desire of this Company to see every settler on its lands plant Almonds, and the Company stands ready to lend every assistance possible to all settlers, to the end that they may be successful in their efforts, as we have been convinced that our lands are especially adapted to the growth of this paying crop, and that our settlers will reap the largest and surest returns when they go into the business of Almond Growing.

Our soil is a rich, loose, warm soil, and perfectly drained. The elevation insures freedom from frost and excellent air drainage, thereby insuring continuous and paying crops of Almonds.

The Almond Industry is growing in magnitude each year, as will be shown by the figures given below, showing the imports of Almonds in the United States for the past ten years, with the figures of the California production for the corresponding years.

The following is the number of pounds imported and the duties paid for the years named:

Year.	No. Pounds Imported.	Duties Paid.	Cal. Prod., Pounds.
1900	6,317,633	\$ 949,083.00	5,480,000
1901	5,140,232	946,138.00	3,120,000
1902	9,868,982	1,240,866.00	6,540,000
1903	8,142,164	1,337,717.00	6,400,000
1904	9,838,852	1,246,474.00	1,600,000
1905	11,745,081	1,520,063.00	1,150,000
1906	15,009,326	1,825,475.00	1,800,000
1907	14,233,613	2,833,816.00	1,500,000
1908	17,144,968	2,410,646.00	5,800,000
1909	11,029,421	1,852,523.00	3,000,000
1910	18,556,356	2,969,016.00	8,052,605

them had been planted in 1853. They proved irregular bearers, though the trees grew thrifitly and in some cases showed fruit very soon after planting. The barren Almond trees were largely grafted into prunes or made into firewood, and the conclusion was reached that to secure regularity and abundance in fruiting, locations for Almond orchards must be sought with the utmost care, and that the secret of success lay in the location."

Quoting further, Professor Wickson says, on page 502:

"The Almond prefers a loose, light, warm soil, and heavy, poorly drained soils should be avoided. Though they need moisture enough to make a good, thrifty growth, they will produce crops on soils too light or dry to grow satisfactory peaches, apricots, nectarines, cherries or similar pulpy fruit. The Almond is, however, a very deep-rooting tree, and may succeed by reaching deeply for moisture rather than by denying itself, as some think."

Quoting from "California Fruits and How to Grow Them," by Professor Wickson, Dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of California at Berkeley, on page 502 Professor Wickson says:

"The Almond has an interesting history in California, but it can be outlined in a few sentences. The importation of the best European varieties began very early, and a number of

These remarks by Professor Wickson will prove conclusively to anyone who investigates our lands at Arbuckle that they are eminently suitable for Almond Culture. In fact, that the conditions for successful almond culture are ideal, and that irrigation is not necessary for their successful growth.

Planting Season and Varieties

From pages 502 and 503, Professor Wickson's book on California fruits:

"For planting, trees in dormant bud are very successful if given proper care. Yearling

trees are, on the whole, best, and usually those which have made a moderate growth instead of a very large growth are to be preferred. The Almond makes a comparatively large tree, and should have plenty of room—not less than 24 feet apart, and 30 feet is better."

The planting season is during February and early March.

"The cultivation of the Almond orchard is the same as recommended for other fruit, and as the trees are planted in naturally dry soils, the greater care in cultivation is needed to retain sufficient moisture to give good size to the nuts. With ordinary light rainfalls, good cultivation is all that is necessary."

Concerning varieties of Almonds, Professor Wickson says:

"Almonds should bear well every year, hull easily, have clean, thin, soft shells and a smooth, bright and plump kernel."

The most prominent varieties are:

I X L.—The tree is a sturdy, upright grower with large leaves; nuts large, with, as a rule, single kernels; hulls easily, no machine being needed, nor is any bleaching necessary; shell soft but perfect. Very desirable for certain localities.

N e Plus Ultra.—Extra large and very long in shape; heavy and regular bearers; soft shell; hull free.

N o n p a r e i l .—Of a weeping style of growth; smaller foliage than I X L, but still forms a beautiful tree; an extraordinary heavy and very regular bearer, with very thin shell of the paper shell type; ripens early, and can be gathered before other varieties are ready.

T e x a P r o l i f i c .—A soft shell nut, very large, sweet kernel; blooms late. Mr. J. P. Dargitz reports fifteen years' experience with this variety without a failure to bear, and usually very prolifically.

We recommend the planting of fifty trees to the acre, and in taking contracts, unless so

specified, we will plant this number per acre. With the trees at this season's price, at fifty trees per acre, the cost of the trees will be about \$11 per acre. This is cash, payable by the planter when the trees are planted. Thus it will be seen that the cost of trees, plowing, planting and cultivation for the first season will be about \$26 per acre. Counting the second and third years' cultivation, the total cost of planting, care and cultivation at the end of three years will be \$46 per acre. At this time the Almonds are fully developed and ready for the settler or purchaser to take hold of, as the fourth season the Almonds will bear sufficiently to justify the personal care and attention of the owner. Taking the average cost of our lands at \$75 per acre, the cost of a three-year-old developed Almond orchard would be about \$120 per acre.

In planting, experience has shown that the best results will be obtained by planting at least three of the above varieties in each orchard set out, taking alternate rows of each variety, and if the four varieties are planted even better results will be obtained, as the pollen from each variety helps to fertilize the pollen from the other variety, thereby insuring a larger percentage of nuts.

Many purchasers of our lands are not in position to leave their homes or positions to come and establish new homes on our lands, and to give the planting of Almonds the personal care and attention that would be necessary. In order to meet this condition this Company is prepared to plant and care for Almond groves for non-resident owners under contract for a period of three years, or longer if desired.

Almonds will start bearing the third year of planting, and bear sufficiently that year, as a general rule, to pay for the cost of the cultivation and labor for that season. The fourth year they will pay a profit of from \$25 to \$50 per acre.

The cost of the plowing, harrowing, planting and necessary cultivations for the first year is \$15 per acre, payable in two equal installments—\$10 per acre on April 1st and \$5 per acre on August 1st of the planting year. The cost of the plowing and cultivations for the second year is \$10 per acre. For the third year the same. The owner to furnish all necessary trees.

The four standard varieties of trees which we recommend for planting will cost this season about 22 cents per tree. This Company has contracted for a large quantity of first-class trees at a price that will cost the planters about this figure, the Company giving each individual planter the benefit of the low price it receives on its entire purchase.

Twenty acres in bearing orchard means \$3,000 a year net profit and an estate worth \$20,000 for your children.

The Arbutus district, owing to the excellent soil and climatic conditions, a steady production can always be relied upon after the fifth year. There are no crop failures. One 40-acre Almond orchard has produced successful continuous crops for over eighteen years, without a failure for a single year, and has netted its owner a profit of \$150 per acre for the past ten years. The owner of this orchard is Mr. C. H. Locke, and he values his orchard at \$1,000 per acre.

Have a home in California. Buy 10 acres at least. If you can buy 20 acres do so. Your opportunity is passing daily. Fortune smiles on every man. Do you realize that she is smiling on you this minute?

The man who grasps his opportunities gets ahead. This is yours. Grasp it.

Bearing Arbuckle Almond Orchards

are now paying over \$150 per acre net profit yearly

AND SOME ARE VALUED AT

Over \$1000.00 per Acre

ON THE SAME CLASS OF SOIL AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT YOU WILL HAVE.

The men who own these orchards and produce these incomes SAY THAT YOU CAN DO THE SAME THING AS THEY HAVE DONE ON OUR LANDS.

BUY NOW AND IN THREE YEARS YOU WILL HAVE THE PROOF AS WELL AS THE PROFIT.

The Proof is there now—
The Profit is for you to make!

DO YOU WANT IT? THEN TAKE IT.

Expert Opinions from Experts

In order that there may be no room for doubt as to the quality of our land or its adaptability to Almond growing, we publish herewith a letter of endorsement from Mr. J. P. Dargitz, secretary and manager of the California Almond Growers' Exchange, a man who is acknowledged as the leading California Almond grower and who has brought Almond culture to its high state of development and organized the growers into one of the strongest Growers' Associations now in California.

Endorsements of this character are given on MERIT ALONE and only where the conditions are perfect and where there is absolutely no question as to the character of the land, the people behind the enterprise, or to the local conditions bearing on Almond Growing. MONEY COULD NOT BUY SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT.

(Copy.)

Sacramento, Cal., June 21, 1911.

EXPERT OPINION FROM EXPERTS.

Superior California Fruit Land Company,
Sacramento, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Being a practical Almond grower, and also being acquainted with the Almond districts of California and with the Almond marketing question through the California Almond Growers' Exchange, I am free to say that I think there is an encouraging future for Almond growing in the vicinity of Arbuckle. With orchards that have been bearing for several years, giving good practical results, I see no reason why Almond growing should not be quite profitable in that locality. The elevation of your lands is sufficient to give a much desired protection against frosts, from the fact that cold air can drain off from this elevated section to the lower lands lying adjacent.

With regard to the future of the Almond industry the average consumption of Almonds for the last twelve years in the United States has been about 7,500 tons. Of this amount California has averaged 1,800 tons, and the average importations from Europe in the same time have been 5,500 tons. There is no question about a growing demand for the Almond

as an article of food, and the large importations show that there should be a steadily growing market for a generation to come for California Almonds.

The organization of the California Almond Growers means that the ruinously low prices of former years are not apt to recur, and it is believed that fairly remunerative prices may be expected from this time on.

Yours very truly,
J. P. DARGITZ.

Secretary and Manager California Almond Growers' Exchange.

(Copy.)

Fair Oaks, Cal., June 4, 1911.

Superior California Fruit Land Company,
Sacramento, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Just returned from my second visit to Arbuckle for the purpose of investigating the conditions pertaining to the culture of Almonds. I can see no reason why your proposition is

Over 300 Acres Planted to Almonds

by this Company in 1912 for Purchasers of Our Lands Under Our Planting Contract

IN OUR PLANTING CONTRACT WE GUARANTEE GOOD WORK, GOOD TREES AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE, AND WE GUARANTEE TO REPLACE ANY TREES THAT MAY DIE DURING THE THREE YEARS THAT THE LAND IS UNDER OUR CARE, REPLANTING ANY TREES THAT MAY DIE EACH YEAR, AND ALL AT OUR OWN COST.

(Copy.)
G. C. Meckfessel, C. B. Morrison, J. E. Cain,
President. Vice-Pres. Cashier.

BANK OF ARBUCKLE.

Arbuckle, Cal., August 25, 1911.

Mr. George X. Fleming, President,
Superior California Fruit Land Company,
Sacramento, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I went over your land, known as the "Hymen Tract," with Mr. C. E. Meader of Fair Oaks, who is known to be an Almond expert. He told me that every condition was there for the perfect growth of Almonds. I saw young Almond trees that looked perfectly healthy and vigorous, and feel that this is a good Almond project. If you will recommend your prospective purchasers to plant Almond trees, you will be conferring a favor on your buyers and mankind in general.

Yours truly,
(Signed): J. E. CAIN,
Cashier.

WHERE IN ALL CALIFORNIA OR ELSEWHERE CAN YOU SECURE SUCH AN INCOME FROM A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF ONLY \$1200, PAID OUT BY YOU IN EASY INSTALLMENTS THAT YOU WILL NEVER MISS?

OVER 200 PEOPLE HAVE PURCHASED OUR LANDS AND ARE SATISFIED. YOU WILL BE THE SAME IF YOU PURCHASE.

Buy Arbuckle Almond Lands where crop failures are unknown

WHERE RETURNS ARE SAFE AND SURE, WHERE IT IS DEMONSTRATED BY ACTUAL GROWING, PRODUCING ORCHARDS THAT HAVE BORN CROPS FOR OVER 18 CONTINUOUS YEARS THAT YOU CAN MAKE AN INCOME OF

\$1500 per year from ten acres or
\$3000 per year from twenty acres

THIS IS NO EXPERIMENT AT YOUR EXPENSE. YOU HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF GROWERS WHO HAVE BEEN PRODUCING ALMONDS FOR YEARS AND YEARS.

EVERY DAY THAT YOU DELAY LESSENS THE PURCHASING POWER OF YOUR DOLLAR.

Buy Now! Then You Will Buy

The four varieties mentioned are the leading commercial varieties, and the ones which have made a moderate growth instead of a very large growth are to be preferred. The Almond makes a comparatively large tree, and should have plenty of room—not less than 24 feet apart, and 30 feet is better."

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The price of Almonds ranges from 12 cents per pound to 20 cents per pound, depending upon the varieties and the season. The prices fixed this year by the California Almond Growers' Exchange for the four standard varieties are as follows:

Nonpareils, 18½ cents per pound; I X L, 17½ cents per pound;